

## COACH PITCH LEAGUE RULES – 2025

1. Refer to Official Little League Rule Book for any rule not listed.
2. Players cannot be 9 before August 30th.
3. Players may not be added to the roster once games begin.
4. Regular Little League baseballs will be used however, Level 5 also acceptable.
5. Bats have to bear the USA Baseball stamp and be 2 ¼ to 2 5/8 inches in diameter.
6. Time limit is 1 ½ hours. You may start an inning if the time limit is not reached. You may finish an inning once it is started.
7. After 3 innings or time limit is reached, the game is official.
8. No tolerance rule for lightening. If there is lightening, home team decides when to call the game. Lightening delay is minimum of 30 minutes after each lightning strike.
9. The 4 outfielders must start each pitch in the grass and be playing true outfield positions. Multiple 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> basemen or Shortstops are not allowed.
10. Two coaches may be in the outfield. No coaches behind the catcher.
11. All players must play 6 consecutive defensive outs and 1 at bat.
12. The team in the field must have at least 8 players or the game will be forfeited, unless both coaches agree to play with less. The maximum number of players in the field is 10.
13. Inning ends after 3 outs, or 5 runs are scored. No run limit in last inning (inning ends after 3<sup>rd</sup> out or home team wins the game).
14. Continuous batting order must be used, and all players are in the batting order for all innings (including those who are not playing a defensive position).
15. Pitching circle is 8 ft radius and 16 ft in diameter.
16. The distance from the plate to the mound is 46 feet.
17. No on deck batter.
18. Coach pitches to own team. Coach and kid pitcher must start with at least one foot in the circle. Caught foul ball counts as an out.

19. The batter gets 3 swings or 5 pitches. The batter is out if after 3 swings he has not hit a fair ball or he has received 5 pitches and has not hit a fair ball – whichever comes first.
20. If the batted ball hits the coach that is pitching, it is a dead ball and the batter will return to the batter's box. The pitch counts in the pitch count unless it is the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch (in the tournament it counts as a swing and is treated as a dead ball similar to a foul ball – if it is the batter's 3<sup>rd</sup> swing, he gets another pitch). Runners will return to their previously occupied bases.
21. Runners may not advance when the ball is in the control of the kid pitcher in the circle. Team in the field must specify which player is the pitcher.
22. One base on an overthrow only at first base.
23. Runners may advance if over halfway to the next base. The halfway point should be marked with a chalk line on the field.
24. Coaches may not physically assist or touch the runner.
25. No base stealing.
26. No infield-fly rule.
27. Bunting is allowed.
28. Sliding is allowed (no headfirst sliding as this is an automatic out). If there is a play at home, runner must make an attempt to avoid contact.
29. Verify score every ½ inning
30. Must play 8 games to be eligible for the tournament. Tournament is single elimination. Tournament games cannot end in a tie.
31. For tournament - if the game will end as a tie, the international tie breaker rule will be in effect. The player who recorded the last out in the previous inning will be placed on 2<sup>nd</sup> base and another inning will be played. If that results in a tie, an additional tie breaking inning will be played until there is a definitive winning team.
32. In the event your game is rained out, it is the home team's responsibility to arrange the makeup game. The games should be made up within 2 weeks if possible. If the home team fails to offer 2 dates to the visiting team in which neither team has a game scheduled to make up the cancelled game, then the home team will take the loss. If the visiting team doesn't agree to make up the game, then the visiting team will take the loss.

Tournament location for 2025 is St. Joseph